

Minor Irrigation Works in South Travancore.

89. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the taluks of South Travancore in which minor irrigation works are carried on at present (Karkatakam 1103);

(b) whether the liability to pay one-half the costs is compulsorily imposed on the people of those taluks; and

(c) if any taluk or taluks have been exempted from this liability, the names of the taluks so exempted and whether such exemption will be extended to the other taluks of South Travancore as well?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Tovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam including old Eraniel, Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara.

(b) The member is referred to Rule III of the Revised Rules under the Irrigation Regulation, III of 1072, issued under date the 20th May 1923.

(c) The names of the taluks exempted from the above rule are mentioned in the *proviso* thereto. In the absence of special reasons, the Government do not think that the exemption can be extended to other taluks.

Assembling of Umbrellas by the Industries Department.

90. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how long the work of assembling of umbrellas has been carried on by the Department of Industries;

(b) the total expenditure incurred up to date (3-12-1103) on this industry;

(c) the total income derived from this industry;

(d) whether this industry is now thriving; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the Director of Industries proposed to give the monopoly of this industry to some one in Alleppey?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The department carried on only some trials in the assembling of umbrellas and these trials took only a day or two.

(b) Rs. 128 ch. 1 c. 9.

(c) This industry was not started on a commercial scale in view to derive any income. But a sum of Rs. 10-14 chs. was realised by the sale of three of the assembled umbrellas.

(d) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (c).

(e) No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the final word on 'assembling of umbrellas' has been said by the Department of Industries?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): What does the member mean by *final word*? I do not understand it